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SUBJECT: REFUGEE ACCOMMODATION CRISIS IN HONG KONG

REF: HONG KONG 6955 AND 7137

1. WE WERE INFORMED THAT APPROXIMATELY 175 RPT 175 BOAT CASE REFUGEES ARRIVED EARLY JUNE 7 IN HONG KONG ABOARD TWO LARGE HONG KONG FISHING BOATS WHICH PICKED THEM UP NEAR HAINAN ISLAND. ADDITIONAL DETAILS WILL BE REPORTED WHEN AVAILABLE.

2. ALL OF THESE REFUGEES CANNOT BE ACCOMMODATED IN EXISTING ACCOMMODATIONS. ICEM NOW ATTEMPTING DETERMINE HOW MANY CAN BE LITERALLY SQUEEZED INTO THREE EXISTING HOTELS/ HOSTELS AND TRYING TO FIND OTHER PLACES TO ACCOMMODATE THEM, IF ONLY ON TEMPORARY BASIS.

3. WE BELIEVE THAT DESPITE PROBLEMS FINDING SPACES FOR THESE REFUGEES, MOST PROBABLY THEY WILL BE HOUSED BY TONIGHT. HOWEVER, IT WILL MEAN AT MINIMUM THAT NEW ACCOMMODATIONS

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WILL BE TO BE LOCATED BY UNHCR ON URGENT BASIS FOR FUTURE ARRIVALS.

4. FOR GENEVA. MISSION (OR ORM/LOWMAN IF IN GENEVA) MAY WISH TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH THE UNHCR. DESPITE OUR REPEATED URGING, UNHCR HAS SHOWN LITTLE REAL INTEREST IN REFUGEE PROBLEMS IN HONG KONG, PARTICULARLY IN THE

AREA OF ACCOMMODATIONS. HONG KONG GOVT INFORMED US THAT THEY DID NOT ACCEPT SAMPATKUMAR'S POSITION DURING LAST VISIT HERE THAT REFUGEE ACCOMMODATIONS ARE HONG KONG GOVT RESPONSIBILITY. UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, WE HOPE THAT UNHCR WILL TAKE PROMPT ACTION TO LOCATE ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATIONS IN HONG KONG OR MAKE URGENT ARRANGEMENTS WITH MACAU GOVT TO USE MACAU AS TEMPORARY HOLDING SITE FOR THOSE HONG KONG REFUGEES AWAITING SPONSORSHIPS SO THAT NEW ARRIVALS CAN BE PLACED IN EXISTING ACCOMMODATIONS.

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